

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A strapping machine for positioning a strap material around an associated load, tensioning the strap material and sealing the strap material to itself around the load, the strapping machine includes a strap path formed from opposing, movable elements. The machine includes a frame, a slack box, and a first portion of a strap path from the slack box. The first portion of the strap path is formed by a pair of opposing path forming elements moveable toward and away from each other between an open path position and a closed path position. The path forming elements further define a path entrance and a path exit, The closed path position defines the first portion of the strap path. A strapping head is mounted to the frame and is configured to convey the strap material in a first direction to position the strap material around the load and to convey the strap material in a second direction to tension the strap material around the load. The strapping head is further configured to seal the strap material to itself and to sever the strap material from a strap supply. A chute defines a second portion of the strap path, the chute is mounted to the frame and is configured to provide a path to position the strap material around the load.